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To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtythird Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:-

Population

The estimated population of the district for 1961 is 8110 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £102,443 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £367.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

Mortality rates per 1,000 population	
Total (all forms)	16.9
Respiratory Tuberculosis	Nil
Malignant neoplasms	2.22
Live births rates per 1,000 population	14.8
Still births per 1,000 total births	16.5
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	42.0
Neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	33.6
Early neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	25.2
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	41.3

	M	F	Total
Live births	58	61	119
Legitimate	56	55	111
Illegitimate	2	6	8
Still births	-	2	2
Legitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 year	-	5	5
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Deather of infants under 4 weeks to 1 yr	-	4	4
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Deaths of infants under 1 week to 4 weeks	-	3	3
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	2	2

Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Deaths</u> (All causes)		<u>Stillbirths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>		<u>Infant Mortality</u>	
	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. of deaths Reg.	Rate per 1000 live births
1961	119	14.8	132	16.9	2	16.5	Nil	Nil	5	42.0
1960	102	12.2	97	12.1	3	28.6	Nil	Nil	4	39.2
Prev. year Diff.	+17	+2.6	+35	+4.8	-1	-12.1	-	-	+1	+2.8

Vital Statistics 1942 - 1961

Year	<u>Population Estimated to Middle of Each Year</u>	<u>Births</u>		<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Infantile Deaths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1942	7663	110	14.3	90	11.7	6	54	Nil	
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	123	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	
1957	8410	124	14.9	100	12.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	
1958	8360	125	15.1	108	13.3	7	5.6	Nil	
1959	8380	122	14.7	126	15.6	2	16.4	Nil	
1960	8380	102	12.2	97	12.1	4	39.2	Nil	
1961	8110	119	14.8	132	16.9	5	42.0	Nil	

Comparison with England and Wales

	<u>England and Wales</u>	<u>Milnrow</u>
Birth rate	17.4	14.8
Death rate	12.0	16.9
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.33	Nil
Infantile Mortality Rate	21.4	42.0

Causes of Death during the year 1961

1.	Tuberculosis Respiratory	...	...	...	...	-
2	" " " " " " " "	...	...	...	...	-
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	-
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	-
5	Whooping cough	...	...	...	...	-
6	Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	-
8	Measles	...	...	...	...	-
9	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	...	...	...	...	5
11	" " Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	3
12	" " Breast	...	...	...	...	4
13	" " Uterus	...	...	...	...	-
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	6
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	-
16	Diabetis	...	...	...	...	-
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	...	...	...	...	19
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	22
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	5
20	Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	...	16
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	6
22	Influenza	...	...	...	...	2
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	7
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	12
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	...	...	...	...	-
26	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	...	...	...	...	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	2
28	Nephritis & Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	-
31	Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	-
32	Other defined and ill defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	7
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	4
34	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	8
35	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1
36	Homicide & Operations of War	...	...	...	...	1

Deaths Occurring Outside District

Place of Death	M	F	Total
Birch Hill Hospital	16	23	39
Marland Hospital	8	Nil	8
Rochdale Infirmary	5	8	13
Springfield Park Hospital	Nil	1	1
Rochdale	1	Nil	1
St. Marys Hospital, Eastbourne	Nil	1	1
Oldham & District General Hospital	Nil	2	2
Speake	Nil	1	1
Hartlebury, Worcester	1	Nil	1

Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate

	No. of Deaths	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Infant Mortality 1961	5	42	+2.8
" " 1960	4	39.2	-
Maternal Mortality 1961	Nil	Nil	-
" " 1960	Nil	Nil	-

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 65	65 & over	Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital
Measles	79	11	5	19	13	20	10		1					Nil	
Food Poisoning	2			1	1									Nil	
Scarlet Fever	8	1			1		4	2						Nil	
Sonnei Dysentery	5	2	1	1	1									Nil	
Pul. T.B.	1											1		Nil	
Whooping Cough	1					1								Nil	

Under the National Health Service, the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (Consultation) open every Tuesday, 2.0. to 4.0.p.m.

Ante-Natal Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1, Wesley Street, when the clinic is open.

Midwifery Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council

Home Helps The home help service is run by the Lancashire County Council, Divisional Health No. 13.

Cleansing Centre Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.

Infectious Diseases The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE. M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my seventeenth Annual Report.

During the year the Council purchased 14 back to back houses and 6 through houses, two of the back to back houses have been demolished for road widening and the other 12 are being modernised and ventilated to provide one bedroom accommodation.

The six through houses are to be provided with hot water, baths, washbasins and inside Sanitary Accommodation.

In my opinion this work in the older type of suitable house is worthwhile investment and when modernised will provide suitable accommodation for many years.

The Council also have a scheme for the building of old people's accommodation with wardens house attached for older people who with some assistance will be able to live in their own accommodation and prevent them having to go into part 3 accommodation.

Incorporated in this scheme are 11 two bedroom houses and 10 two bedroom bungalows.

This method of building other accommodation with old peoples, is in my opinion, a far better method than segregating old people, in so far as they feel they are still part of the community and not of a separate community.

Lack of pressure in the water mains has resulted in a poor supply of water at Wildhouse Lane and Broad Lane. The Rochdale Corporation Waterworks Committee have now obtained permission to lay a new main from the Littleborough side to supply Wildhouse Lane and the development on Kiln Lane.

It is hoped that this work will be commenced at an early date.

Regarding the Broad Lane supply, there is building development progress in Rochdale adjoining the Milnrow boundary and the Rochdale Waterworks Department have stated that they will extend the main supplying these houses and feed the upper part of Broad Lane from this source.

Planning permission has been granted to push the existing tip towards Buckley Hill and to contour and reclaim the land.

A new Karrier "Blenheim" 11/15 cwt yard packer refuse collection vehicle has been ordered and delivery is expected early 1962.

This should make for a more effective and cleaner method of refuse collection.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Public Health Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Housing

Number of houses erected during the year	
By other bodies	48
By Local Authority	18

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	87
Number of inspections made for the purpose	144
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	7
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	16

Remedy of defects during the year without the service of formal notice

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	14
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Act.	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice.	
(a) by owner	Nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Section 16 & 17 Housing Act, 1957.

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	6
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	14

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders.	Nil

Housing Act, 1957. Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil

Houses in the district and their Sanitary Conditions

Houses	3011
Farms	73
Shops with dwelling accommodation	98
Factories, workshops, local-up shops, etc.	90
Houses back to back	155
Pail closets	150
Waste water closets	32
Water closets	3161
Ashbins	3109

<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post War</u>
4 Bedroom houses	4	Nil
3 " "	390	118
2 " "	122	116
1 Bedroom bungalows	12	34
2 " "	Nil	18
1 Bedroom flats	Nil	18
2 " "	Nil	18
Single person flats	Nil	18
Prefabricated bungalows	<u>Nil</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>528</u>	<u>360</u>
Total		<u>888</u>

The number of applications for Council houses and bungalows at the end of the year was 172

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Housing Act 1949</u>		<u>House Purchase & Housing Act, 1959.</u>	
	<u>Discretionary Grants</u>		<u>Standard Grants</u>	
	<u>No. of Schemes</u>	<u>No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected</u>	<u>No. of Schemes</u>	<u>No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected</u>
Action during year				
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	49	49
(b) Approved by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	48	48
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	Nil	Nil	1	1
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil	1	1
(e) Work completed	Nil	Nil	41	41

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale & Oldham Corporations. The statutory water undertaking being Rochdale. The water is from the Moorland gathering grounds. Of the 3194 houses of the district 3015 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the outer fringe where there are no water mains and are farm houses and small hamlets. The supplies being from private wells and springs.

Sampling

During the year, 3 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all these proved to be satisfactory.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Sewage Disposal

Most of the district is sewered and the sewage treated at the sewage works situate at Uncouth.

The number of pail closets in the district is now 155 having been reduced by demolition of unfit houses. The night soil is collected with a gully emptier fitted with night soil attachment and disposed of by discharging into the sewer for treatment at the sewage works.

Public Cleansing
Domestic Refuse

Collection

The cleansing service is operated by two 7½ cub.yard side loading refuse collection vehicles staffed by two drivers and 6 men.

The refuse is emptied from 3109 ashbins.

The collection has been a weekly collection with the exception of holiday periods.

The refuse collection vehicles covered 7430 miles and collected 1909 loads.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The 1909 loads of refuse were disposed of, the refuse has been levelled, covered and consolidated with the mechanical shovel and there has not been any nuisance created.

Dustbins

The providing of dustbins under the municipal bin scheme is still working very satisfactorily and during the year 147 ashbins have been renewed and 148 new ashbins provided.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Rag Flock & Other Filling Materials Act., 1951

One factory has been granted a renewal of licence to manufacture and store rag flock.

Clean Air Act, 1956

20 visits have been made to business premises regarding the provisions of the Clean Air Act.

During the year one factory has been fitted with automatic underfed stokers. Discussions have been held with managers regarding the fitting of automatic stokers to the boiler plant.

The chimneys are kept under observation and efforts made to control the emission of smoke.

Rodent Control

	Type of Property			
	Dwelling houses	Local Authority	Business Premises	Agriculture
No. of properties inspected	94	Nil	82	18
Total inspections carried out (including reinspections)	140	Nil	115	Nil / 8
No. of properties inspected which were infested by				
Rats	9	Nil	4	Nil
Mice	3	Nil	5	Nil
No. of infested properties treated	12	Nil	9	Nil

A test baiting of the sewers was made during the year. 27 manholes were baited and 5 takes recorded. The sections infested were treated. The rat population in the sewers appears to be very low.

Factories

There are 41 factories in the district made up as follows:-

Bakers	4
Bleaching and Dyeing	4
Brickworks	1
Cotton Spinning	7
Cotton Waste Spinning	2
Engineering	5
Hemming and Packing Blankets	1
Joiners	3
Laundry	1
Motor repair garages	3
Paper tube manufacturer	1
Slaughterhouses	2
Slipper inner sole manufacturers	1
Spring maker	1
Surgical Cotton manufacturers	1
Television Assembly	1
Waste Recovery	1
Woodwork machinists	1
Wool sorter	1

Schools

There are 5 schools in the district, of these 4 have fresh water closets and 1 pail closets. There is no sewer available for the school with pail closets.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Food Shops

There are 114 Food shops; 100 visits have been made to these premises, 53 of these visits were made under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1958.

Food Premises.

<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>No.</u>
Bakers and Confectioners	11
Butchers	13
Fried Fish and Chip	5
Greengrocers	10
Grocery & Provisions	32
Sweets and Soft Drinks	5
Restaurants, canteens and snack bars	12
Licensed premises - Public Houses	19
Clubs	7

Inspection of Meat and other Foods

Slaughterhouses

At the commencement of the year, there were 5 slaughterhouses licensed.

During the year, 3 slaughterhouses were discontinued and work was done on the other two to comply with the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Work was commenced on the building of a new slaughterhouse and will be completed by the end of the year.

The appointed day for the coming into operation of the Regulations is 1st January, 1962.

During the year, 500 visits were made to slaughterhouses. There has been an increase in the number of animals killed on the previous year, 1352 in 1959 - 4499 in 1961.

The following table give details of meat inspection for the year.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	541	162	25	3744	27
Number Inspected	523	157	25	3620	27
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	18	23	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	3.44	14.65	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.19	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cystecercosis					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalized and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of carcase meat and organs condemned -

12 cwts.

Other foods inspected and condemned:

1 tin of Ox Tongue and 1 Tin of Cooked ham - 20 lbs.

Milk Sampling

Schools and Day Nursery

All milk to schools is Pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

The nursery also use Pasteurised milk.

	No. taken	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue test	
		S	N. S	S.	N. S.
Schools	8	8	-	8	-
Day Nursery	3	3	-	3	-

Sampling - Biological

During the year, brucellosis occurred at one farm. Group samples were taken and Brucella organisms isolated from some groups. Individual samples were taken from infected groups and isolated in 3 samples.

The milk from the 3 cows was sent for pasteurisation and not mixed with the other milk from the farm.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sampling

The Lancashire County Council are the Food & Drugs Authority and carry out this work. The following information has been supplied by them.

A total of 55 samples was obtained, consisting of 41 samples of milk and 14 others comprising:-

2 Lard	1 Part sliced loaf of bread
1 Self raising flour	1 Bread
1 Baking powder	1 Fish, canned,
1 Coffee and chicory extract	1 Ground mixed spice
mixture, dry.	1 Peal barley,
1 Pepper sauce,	1 Sweets
1 Vinegar, distilled	1 Honey.

I give below details of one sample upon which the County Analyst gave an adverse report:-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
1 part sliced loaf of bread.	Contained three grammes of crumb near to top of crust discoloured with fragments of overbaked crust. Otherwise genuine.	Complainant Informed.

Shops Act, 1950

There are 122 Shops, 19 Public Houses, 7 Clubs and 2 off licenses. 71 Visits have been made regarding ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences.

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>Number</u>
Boot and Shoe	4
Butchers	13
Chemists	1
Confectioners	11
Cycle Accessories	1
Drapers	7
Drug Store	1
Electrical Goods	4
Fancy Goods	1
Fried Fish and Chip	5
Gowns	1
Greengrocery and Fish	10
Grocery and Provisions	32
Hairdressers	10
Hardware	4
Herbalist	1
Newsagents	8
Paint and Wallpaper	2
Pet Foods, etc.	1
Sweets and Tobacco	5
	<u>122</u>

SUMMARY OF VISITS & INSPECTIONS

Inspection of dwellinghouses	82
Reinspection of dwellinghouses	62
Inspection re Shops Act,	71
Inspection of Bakehouses	7
" " Fried Fish & Chip Shops	2
" " Butchers Shops	36
" " Clubs	2
" " Factories	17
" " Drainage	4
" " Tip	232
Visits re infectious diseases	7
" to schools	8
" to Day Nurseries	6
" re Clean Air Act	20
" re application for Council houses	1
" re water supplies	6
" re Farms	18
" re Rag Flock	1
" re Rodent Control	24
" re unsound food	3
" to Slaughterhouses	500
" re Food Hygiene Regulations	53
" re Waste Food Order	6
" re Caravans	7
" not inspections	86
Miscellaneous inspections	<u>120</u>
	<u>1381</u>

SUMMARY OF NUISANCES & DEFECTS REMEDIED

Roof repaired	4
Rainwater pipe repaired	1
Ceiling plaster repaired	1
Windows repaired	2
W.C. Pedestal renewed	1
Doors repaired	1
Burst water service repaired	1
Eavesgutters repaired	3
Accumulation of manure removed	1
Seepage of oil	1
Dampness	1
Flashings repaired	1
Keeping of animals	1
Sink waste pipe repaired	1
Percolation	1
Fireplace repaired	1
Ashbins provided	48
" renewed	147
Sanitary pails renewed	2
Infestation, Rats and Mice	<u>21</u>
	<u>240</u>

